

Bylaws

Egg Harbor Township Board of Education

0163.1 ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education recognizes a Board Member may be unable to attend a Board Meeting due to a medical condition where the Board Member is prohibited from leaving his/her home due to the medical condition or due to a commitment requiring the Board Member to be unavailable for physical attendance during the time of the Board Meeting. In order to assist Board Members during these circumstances the Board of Education will permit the Board Member to participate in the Board Meeting through the use of speakerphone, teleconference or videoconference (or by other comparable technological means). The Board Member must submit a written request to the Board President indicating the date of the Board Meeting and the reason for the anticipated absence at least three business days in advance of the meeting except in the case of emergencies.

There must be a physical quorum of Board Members present at the Board Meeting in order for members to participate electronically. The Member(s) participating electronically will be considered present, but will not count toward a quorum. Additionally, no more than four Board Members may participate electronically during one meeting.

The Board Member participating via electronic participation shall be provided, either in advance of the meeting or electronically just prior to or during the meeting, all handouts and supporting documentation that is presented, deliberated and voted on during the meeting. In addition, the electronic equipment must permit the Board President to recognize the Board Member to make comments, ask questions, vote, and fully participate in the Board Meeting as if the Board Member were present at the meeting. The Board Member participating must participate in the entire Meeting and must certify that what is said in executive session cannot be heard by other parties. Additionally, the Board Member's comments, questions, votes and other aspects of his/her participation shall be able to be heard or viewed by all those in attendance at the Meeting and amplified to ensure that the public can hear or see his/her participation.

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